(iii) Nuclear		3,900.00 MW
(iv) Renewable Energy Sources:		
(a) Small Hydro Projects	:	904.65 MW
(b) Wind		6,305.00 MW
(c) Bio-mass power		510.00 MW
(d) Urban & Industrial		
Waste & Solar		40.95 MW
TOTAL	:	1,32,32921 MW

Activities of PGCIL

1426. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Corporation Limited (PGCIL) is investing a large amount in sectors other than power distribution;

(b) if so, the complete details in this regard;

(c) what are the plans of PGCIL in distribution of power during the next two years; and

(d) whether PGCIL intends to capture foreign market in near future and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) has been notified as the Central Transmission Utility (CTU) of India, under the Electricity Act, 2003. It undertakes the development of inter-State transmission systems at Extra High Voltage (EHV) level. Besides its core business of power transmission, PGCIL has also diversifed into the Telecom business, leveraging its country wide power transmission infrastructure. The Government of India has approved an investment of about Rs. 934 crore for this activity. Most of the telecom network has already been installed and connectivity has been provided to all metros and major cities.

During the Xth Plan, out of a total investment of about Rs. 18,919 crore, the investment in the telecom business was 3.5% (about Rs. 663 crore) and in the current year i.e. 2007-08, investment in the telecom business is envisaged to be only Rs. 11 crore (0.17% of the total budgetary outlay of Rs. 6504 crore).

(c) The PGCIL is entrusted with the responsibility of development of inter-State Transmission systems. The PGCIL plans to implement about 12,580 ckt. Kms inter-state transmission network during 2007-08 and 2008-09 with an investment of around Rs. 14,544 crores.

(d) The PGCIL has secured consultancy in the area of power transmission in Bhutan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Dubai.